THE TRUE NARRATIVE OF THE CONFESSION AND EXECUTON Of the fifteen Prisoners AT TYBURN,

On *Monday* the 8th of this Instant *March* 1679.

Viz. Richard Hodgkinson, John Braford, Timothy Grady, Edward Grady Randol Rusel, William Harris, Joseph Phillips, Evan Wood, William West, William Woodward, William Carter, John Anderson, Frances Lewis, Dorothy Clark, Dorothy Hall, with a particular account of each persons Fact for which they suffered.

ALthough many and most frequent are the sad Examples of these much to be deplored and miserable Offendors, yet 'tis plainly seen that warnings are in vain and no ways of sufficient force for to deter them from pursuing of their own Destructions, as we shall in these Catastrophies as follow, demonstrate to the World.

The first Example of offended Justice was upon one *Robert Lewis*, who was Arraigned for entring the House of one *Susanna White*, in the Ward of *Billingsgate*, and Feloniously bearing thence one silver Tankard vallued at four pounds, with several spoons, Porringers, and several Goods and Chattels to a considerable vallue, but being pursued, he dropt them before he could be taken, notwithstanding the Evidence being plain he was Convicted of the Fellony, and having been an old Offendor, and once before burn'd in the hand, the Sentance of Death passed upon him, after which being mindful of the miserable State wherein he was, he much lamented his untimely and most shameful End, desiring Mercy for his many Transgressions and Offences and forgiveness of whomsoever he had offended, being not only penitent in *Newgate*, but continued so.

The next in this dread Scene of Woe, was *Evans Wood*, who was Arraigned for Fellony and Burglary, for that he broke open a Booksellers shop in *Holbourn*, and taking thence several Books to the vallue of forty shillings or thereabouts, of which there being publick notice given, by exhibiting of Printed Bills, and he offering to expose them to sail was apprehended. The Evidence affirmed, that he saw the Prisoner with a Window-case upon his Shoulders, that night the Burglary was committed, whereupon he was found guilty; and having been burnt in the hand before for Robbing Esquire *Hooker* of about 1500 pounds, he received Sentance, after which, as sensible of his most wretched State, bewailing his stupidity, and much lamenting that no warning was sufficient to restrain him from pursuing those dismal paths, that tended both to mortal and immortal Death, unless the blessed Mercy of a Mediator interposed.

Randal Russel a notorious Picklock, and House-breaker, who having formerly been burnt in the hand for a Fellony, and being taken again upon suspicion for breaking open Esquire *Trouts* Chamber in *New-Imu*, was double fetter'd, and put into the Masters Chamber in *Newgate*, from whence he in the company of six more notorious offendors, escaped, by first filing off their Fetters, and then with Plough-coulters and other impliments, forcing the Stones and Iron Bars in the Wall, on the 22th of *February* last, and the said *Russel* being retaken, was found Guilty of the Fellony, and received Sentance accordingly, and though he had been an old Offendor, (and there being taken about him when he was apprehended, no less than thirty false Keys and Picklocks(yet Death the Gastly King of Terrors, so amazed his long exalted Spirit, that sunk like Lead, and he bewailed his presumptuous folly, that had brought a Ruine on his head, and caused him for to die an ignominious Death.

The next in order, were *Joseph Phillips*, *William Harris*, *John Anderson*, who were Arraigned for Robing Justice *Northies* Coach near Bow, and taking from his wife and Son, goods, and monies to the vallue of one hundred and odd pounds, a Scarf, the Gentlemans Cravat, several Rings, a Handkerchief, and about four or five shillings, in monies, the evidence swore them to be the same Men, and thereupon they were cast and Condemned, after whose Condemnations they were much dejected and in vain beging Mercy from the Court, desiring Transportation, the which could not be granted, so that during their respite in *Newgate*, all of them as it behoved dying Men, much lamented, though too late as to this World their unlawful Designs and Actions one of them being by Birth a *Sweed*.

Dorothy Clark, was also Arraigned for stealing a *Campaign* Coat from one Mr. *Beacon* in *Eastcheap*, vallued at thirty five shillings; when she came into the Shop she pretending to buy a Coat, conveyed away this for which she was Indicted, whereupon being found Guilty and having been a notorious Shoplift, formerly burnt in the Hand, and several times in *Newgate*, she was thought incorrigable, and therefore received the same Sentance as the former, powring forth her Tears, at such a lavish Rate as gained Commiseration from all the Spectators, deploring much her hard Fate, that had pushed her forward to her own Destruction. In *Newgate* she was very attentive to such Godly Ministers, and others who came to visit her, *&c.*

The next in this dismal Tragedy were *Timothy Grady* and *Edward Grady* two Footpads, who were arraigned for Fellony and Robbery, for setting upon, and Robbing one Mr. *Holder* and his Wife between *Hays* and *Siuth-town*. in *Uxbridg*-Road, between nine and ten of the clock in the Evening of what monies he had about him, being about forty shillings, as likewise rifling his wife of her Ring and several other things, disarming Mr. *Holder*, and after the taking away his Campaign Coat departed, vowing if he offered to follow or pursue them they would Murther him, but this being on the Saturday, on the Monday following several Warrants being ishued out for the apprehending of them, they were took in St. *Gileses* in the Feilds, *Timothy Grady* having the self-same Coat on his back he had taken from the Gentleman, upon their Trials they stoutly denied it, but seeing the proof was plain, and positive, *Timothy Grady* confessed that he was in the Robbery, but in vain endeavoured to excuse the other, so that they both being found Guilty, received the Sentance of Death, after which being conveyed to *Newgate* they spent their time in preparation for their Eternity, giving great attention unto Godly Exhortations, and so continued to the Admiration of many that came to visit them, during the respit allowed for preparation.

John Braford was Arraigned, found Guilty, and Condemned, for a notorious Burglary breaking open a Widdow womans House near *Tatnam Court* and binding all her Family; ransacked the House, taking thence Goods to the Vallue of nine or ten pounds, and afterwards being taken by Captain *Richardsons* Men was challenged in *Newgate*, this

this being Proved againſt him he received Sentance of Death, having been a notorious Offender, yet as it is commonly ſeen, when he ſee no hope for Life, he was very Penitent, bewailing his miſdeeds, &c.

William Carter was Arraigned, and upon full proof convicted of Fellony and Burglary, for breaking open the houſe of one *How*, of *Elſham* in *Kent*, and taking thence, two Flitches of Bacon, Hoods, Scarfs, Stockings, and other Clothes, to a conſiderable vallue; he and his Accomplices binding the Man of the Houſe, and the reſt of the Family and ſo departed with their Booty, but going to take water at *Rederiff*, they were ſuſpected by ſome Watermen, and no ſooner had they croſſed the water, but they perceiving themſelves purſued, divided and fled, ſo that only *Carter* was taken, who had one pair of the Stockings on, and a ſtick in his hand, which he had taken out of the Chamber, with ſeveral other things, of which Fellony and Burglary being Convicted, he received Sentance of Death. His Repentance was not ſo becoming, as to ſute with a Man in his much to be deplored Condition, yet when the time of his ſuffering drew near, he ſhewed much Contrition for his former evil Courſes.

Sarah Good was found Guilty of two Indictments, one for ſtealing a Silver Tankard, one ſilver Bole and a ſilver ſtanding Cup, from *Samuel Dod* a Vintner, without *Biſhopſgate*, the other for ſtealing one ſilver Tankard, and one Dram-Cup, from *Roger Saunders*, in St. *Botelphs Biſhapſgate*, the Fellonies being proved ſhe received Sentance to dye according to the Law, the which was this day put in Execution, before which ſhe much bewailed her ſo untimely end, adviſing the Spectators to beware how they yielded to the temptations of the Enemy of Humane kind, leſt he brought them to Deſtruction.

Dorothy Hall was found Guilty of two Fellonies and Burglaries committed by her and one *Ann Green*, upon the Houſe of one *Mr. Sanders*, and one Mr. *Man*, near *Brainford*, for ſtealing thence Linnen, Puter-Flaggons, Cocks and Hens, to a conſiderable vallue, for which ſhe received Sentance to dye, and her Partner by reaſon of her ſimplicity, was allowed the favour of a tranſportation, ſhe had been an old Offendor, and therefore was not much concerned at the approach of her untimely Fate.

Frances Lewis an old Offendor, who had long practiſed the Trade of *Tankard-ſtealing*, and had been very ſucceſsful in her unlawful Enterprizes, but as the common Proverb notes, (the Pitcher goes not ſo oft to the Well, but it comes broaken home at laſt) ſo ſhe at length was taken in the very Fact, for coming into a certain Victualling Houſe near *Crooked Lane*, ſhe calling for a Tankard of Drink, pretended to ſtay for ſome Gentlemen that would immediately be there, but ſeeing the People buſie, and neglectful of their Charge, ſhe fairly bid her Hoſt Goodbay not ſo much as asking what ſhe had to pay, but drinking ſome, and pouring out the reſt, ſhe carried off the empty Tankard vallued at five pounds to ſerve her proper Uſe, but being purſued and taken, was Committen, and it being on her Tryal proved that ſhe was notorious for Offences in that kind, ſhe was Convicted and received Sentance, after which ſhe much bewails her diſmal Fate that had hurried her on to an untimely and an unavoided Death bedued with Tears, and ſerious remorſe, ſhe continued all the intervening time allowed her to make Peace with Heaven for the bleſſed welfare of her own immortal Soul.

Elizabeth Plummer, a notorious Shoplift, whoſe many Crimes has ſpread her Name throughout this great Metropolis, ſhe was Aaraigned and found Guilty for felloniouſly taking and bearing away 28 yards of Flowered Silk from one *Edward Rigby* a Mercer, near the *Exchange*, and delivering it to one of her Conſorts, who ſould it to one Mrs. *Edwards* the Fellony being plainly proved, ſhe was found Guilty, nor could ſhe her ſelf deny the ſame, ſo that being formerly pardoned, yet would not take no warning, ſhe received the Judgment of the Court, after which the near approach of Death, ſtartled her amazed Conſolence, and ſhe ſeriouſly repented her of her many great and grievous Crimes, and ſo continued till the fatal moment of Mortality expired and puſht her off into a vaſt Eternity.

Richard Hodgkins a Highway Man, and moſt notorious padder, was ſeverally indicted for two Robberies by him committed, the one was near *Bow*, the other near *Hampſted*, upon two Gentlemen, taking from one of them forty ſhillings, or thereabouts, and from the other 14 ſhillings more or leſs, with ſeveral other their Goods and Chattels, to both which Indictments he pleaded Guilty, and for them was Condemned to dye, ſeeming but very little concerned at the near approach of his moſt great and dreadful Change, but certain Death that bears an awe upon the Spirits of the moſt re-

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folute of Men, soon made his haughty Courage fall, and at the last put him so far in mind of immortality, as to draw Tears from his (no doubt but Penitential) Eyes.

The *Sunday* before the Execution there was an excellent Sermon preached in the Chappel of *Newgate*, not only to the Condemned, but to a numerous Auditory that resorted thither from several parts of this City. The Text of Scripture, chosen for that purpose being the 14th Chapter of the Proverbs and the 27th Verse, to which the Reverend Divine most effectually applied, that the fear of God was the only way to restrain all daring Sinners from their vicious enterprises, and that the Fear of God is the means and ground to raise salvation on, and that God is pleased with those that tremble at his Word, a God slow to Anger, of great Mercy, and willing to pardon all that with sincere Repentance come unto him and lay hold on him by Faith. And that none ought to despair of saving Health, that cast themselves upon him, concluding with many sacred and prevailing Exhortations, at which they all seemed much to lament their most woful State that they (must perhaps) unprovided, plunge into a vast Eternity: desiring all that came to be Spectators of their Trajick Ends and final Dissolution as to this mortal State, to beware, lest they gave way to vile Temptations, which like a Poisoned Arrow fix a fatal Ruine in the Soul, and drive secure Offendors on till they unmindful of their ways are taken in the Snares that justice lays for those that dare offend the Laws of Men, and so invite untimely Fate to ruine them past all recovery, and so they continued lifting up their hands to Heaven, and pouring forth their penitential Tears, to expiate and wash away those Crimes which long Custome and repeated Crimes had so inured them to.

William West was Arraigned for that he in the Parish of *Stepney* did Feloniously take and bear away thirteen Yards of *Chamblet* from one *Robert Adkins*, and he being an old Offendor and once burned in the hand before, was found Guilty of the Fellony, and after the dreadful Sentance had past upon him he became very Penitent, and so continued all the time that he was in *Newgate*.

A little before the time of Execution, *Robert Lewis*, *Sarah Good* *Elizabeth Plummer* received his Majesties most gracious Reprieve.

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